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Comments: Dear Mr. Mattrick,

I do not support this project because it prioritizes the "merchantable value" of trees over the preservation of the natural environment and the need to mitigate emissions to stave off the worst effects of climate change.

Relegating our tiny national forest to nothing more than a crop that can be harvested for profit is wrong. This has occurred too much already in the Green Mountains lately, and the reasons provided in this project proposal are not convincing.

Treating our forests as a resource to be exploited for financial gain goes against the intrinsic value of nature. Natural resources should not simply be commodities that can be bought and sold without considering their importance beyond just economic terms.

We must look at the bigger picture and think about how harvesting this forest could impact future generations. It is our duty to protect and preserve nature, especially when we are presented with choices which may lead to irreversible damage.